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SUBJECT: CAMEROONIAN URANIUM SURVEYS

- 1. ECONOFFICER FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN SEEING BERNARD MOUDIO, DIRECTOR OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES. MOUDIO STATED THAT UTAH INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTED SURVEY FOR URANIUM OVER TERRITORY NORTH OF 4 DEGREES NORTH BUT IT HAS SINCE ABANDONED ITS CLAIM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UTAH EFFORTS WERE CONCERNTRATED IN REGION AROUND POLI (100 KM SOUTH OF GAROUA) BUT THAT THEIR FINDINGS INDICATED SMALL, SCATTERED DEPOSITS UNSUITABLE FOR LARGE OPERATION MOUDIO INDICATED THAT IF EXXON INTERESTED IN CONDUCTING ITS OWN SURVEY GURC WILLING TO DISCUSS ANY REASONABLE PROPOSAL.
- 2. MOUDI STATED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF URANIUM TRACES IN REGION AROUND DOUALA. NEVERTHELESS AREA SOUTH OF 4 DEGREES NOTH AND WEST 13 DEGREES EAST IS BEING SURVEYED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT-FINANCED (FAC) BUREAU DES RECHERCHES ET GESTION MINIERES, AREA TO THE EAST OF 13 DEGREES EAST IS BEING SURVEYED BY UNDP. BOTH SURVEYS ARE IN INITIAL PHASES AND BOTH HAVE FOUND TRACES OF URANIUM. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON DIMENSIONS, QUALITY, DENSITY OR ACCESSIBILITY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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